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1. On 7 November 1950 the HVA was to hold celebrations to mark the completion of the current phase of training. A large number of promotions were to be announced and the appointment of 100 new officers published. According to an announcement by Oberrat Butter of Abteilung Clothing, Hauptabteilung Supply, uniform material of the old pattern was ready for the new officers. Shortages of labor and material make it impossible to introduce a new type of uniform at this time.
2. The HVA People's Judge (Volksrichter) Aurich has been promoted to the rank of Polizeirat. Kommissar Froehlich has replaced Polizeirat Meltzer of Hauptabteilung Vorsorgung. The latter is no longer with the HVA, but his present position or location is not known.
3. Abteilung Unterkunft, formerly under Inspekteur Horst Praessler, has been disbanded. Its duties are now being handled by two Abteilungen. The first is Abteilung Bau, headed by Inspekteur Praessler, and the second will be known as Abteilung Material Versorgung under Kommandeur Thiede.
4. The VP officials who returned to Germany on 3 October 1950 from the USSR have not as yet taken up their normal duties in the HVA, despite the fact that Chef Inspekteur Hermann Rentsch, former chief of Hauptabteilung Grenz- und Bereitschaften in the GAI, stated that they were to report for duty on 25 October 1950, having been granted leave until that date. Some of these officers have, however, spent long periods at the HVA, where they have been closeted with Inspekteur Helmut Borufka, Abteilung Ausbildung, and several Soviet officers, while Chefinspekteur Heinrich Heitsch, Chief of Staff, and his deputy, Inspekteur Erwin Engelbrecht have joined them occasionally. Engelbrecht was overheard to remark that the recently returned officers are engaged in planning the organizational structure of the HVA. Paul Markgraf, former chief of the Berlin police, was seen with the party of returnees on 3 October 1950.
5. The importance and imminence of expansion of the various Objekte is emphasized in the HVA Arbeitsplan for the month of November, 1950. The plan treats the following points:

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- A). Extension of the Objekte
- B). Increase in supplies
- C). Increase in clothing.

HVA properties in Erfurt, Pirna, Prora, Leithain, Grossenhain, and Leipzig are to be repaired or enlarged. In Prora there are to be a total of five barracks for the Volkspolizei, while the Graue Kaserne in Pirna, until recently the property of the Landespolizeibehörde, is to be rebuilt. To date, however, the chiefs of Abteilungen which will be affected by the expansion have not been told how the plan is to be implemented.

6. On 28 October 1950, Chef Inspekteur Hans von Weech instructed Inspekteur Robert Hoffmann to put three trucks at the disposal of Objekt Halle to transport building material.* Later in the day, Inspekteur Fraessler informed Abteilung Kraftfahrwesen that the trucks were to be provided by the three units in Kochstedt. They were to be collected on 30 October 1950 by drivers from Halle. Also on 28 October, Oberrat Bomheuer of Abteilung Verpflegung was instructed by von Weech to arrange to send rations for 20 men to Halle. Heitsch later told Bomheuer that Baurat Grund, with a staff of 15 to 20 men, is at work in Halle.
7. On 25 October 1950, Heitsch informed a member of Abteilung Kraftfahrwesen that a Motorisierte Abteilung is to be formed. Its transport is to consist of the 150 trucks recently delivered to the HVA, and a staff of 360 drivers and mechanics will be provided.
8. Every person, including officers, leaving the HVA on 21 October 1950 was subjected to a security search during which all briefcases were examined for documents. It is not known whether the results of the check caused disciplinary action to be taken against any individual.
9. Chefinspekteur Heitsch has instructed Dr. Mehlmack, chief of Sanitätswesen, to plan for three new hospitals. Mehlmack has stated that apart from the fact that one of the installations is to be in Gotha, he has no further information. He has not been told how many beds will be required, nor how large a staff is envisaged, although Heitsch ordered him to arrange for an additional 100 people to be quartered in Wiederitzsch. Mehlmack presumes they are intended as staff personnel for Sanitätswesen, but he does not know from where they are to come.

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Comment: [REDACTED] there is no HVA Objekt in Halle.

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Comment: Inspekteur Ludwig was formerly with Hauptabteilung Staff, Abteilung Information. In that capacity he was engaged in clandestine activities. Because of the nature of his work, he was the only HVA officer authorized to wear civilian clothes and to travel in the Western Sectors of Berlin. In addition, Ludwig was the only HVA officer who was a member of the NDP. He is presently reported as holding the position of Minister of Justice in Land Mecklenburg.